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Subject: Re: Microsoft settlement

Dear Sir,

I greatly appreciate Microsoft ability to innovatively create software projects which assists the consumer in not only their word processing needs, but also in the area of the internet. Yes, there are links between Microsoft and other companies. And true, Microsoft in the largest computer company and the other have not been competing as well. My personal opinion is that the man behind the company is the key. If it weren't for Bill Gates innovative approach to life as well as business, consumers would not buy his company's products. Because Microsoft is simply the best in their area of expertise, they are being punished. Why punish such a terrific company who has simply figured out the key to good business?---working with other to make the best and the most efficient products and services on the market.

As a teacher, I want to be the best teacher for my students every day all of the time. Other teachers may become jealous because I am rewarded for my diligence and excellence in the service I provide to our children. Therefore, I get punished because they can't stand to see someone else half their age do a better and more efficient job than them. In theory, this analogy paints the true picture of what has happend to Microsoft. Other companies are simply jealous of the tremendous network that Microsoft has created and wish that they had done it themselves. They are in it for the money like any other business here on earth!!! What a great ability to meet the needs of their consumer while also doing what they feel called to do!!!

Creation of new ideas is often rejected in our society, especially if it goes against the grain of our pocketbook. Another example would be the change from fuel-run vehicles to electric car which are more efficient and more environment friendly.

Anyone who can say that what Microsoft has done is wrong is a hypocrite because no one can truly say that working with others in the business world to create the most efficient and effective products and services is bad. Microsoft simply and intelligently thought of it first!!!

Thank You for keeping Microsoft a leading company in this game that we call computer life!!! May the Lord be with you are you make this historical decision that could positively or negatively affect millions of consumers nationwide!!!

In His Name,

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